

APPROVED

BARRHILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting held on Wednesday, 31st August 2016
Memorial Hall, Barrhill at 7.30pm.

No	Item	Action
	<p>Sederunt: Barrhill Community Council James Duffie (JD), Kenneth McLaren (KMcl), Ann Robertson (AR) (Treasurer), Dave Russell (DR) (Chair), Alistair Scott (ASc), Andrew Sinclair (AS), Celia Strain (CS) (Secretary & Minute Taker), Johnnie Thomson (JT).</p> <p>In Attendance: SAC Councillor Alec Clark (ACK), Peter Linton (PL) (SAC Link Officer), PC Phillip Porter (PP) (Girvan & South Carrick Community Policing Team). Neil Feggans (NF) & Catherine Parish (CP) (SAC's Planning Section) 8 Members of the public.</p>	
2	Police	
	<p>Prior to the presentation, DR welcomed PC Porter, who reported a total of 14 calls in the Barrhill area. Incidents of note between 29th June and 31st August included; vandalism to the Gamekeeper's cottage, Kildonan Estate, when 2 doors and 16 windows were smashed; a road traffic accident with minimal damage, when a vehicle collided with the bridge at the south end of the village; and an incident of a driver reported for drink driving. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>A member of the public referred to the road closure on the A714 that day, with the road now being opened. CS was informed it was open before 3.30pm and yet the 'Road Closed' sign was still in place at the B7027 junction as she left for this meeting. It was known that the sign was removed at the Challoch end in D & G before 3.30pm. A discussion then followed about this latest road closure, due to a lorry delivering turbine parts to Kilgallioch going on fire at Bargrennan Bridge. It transpired that the Police themselves had diverted HGVs via the Knowe Road, the Police Officers on duty early that morning not being local. DR himself had informed the Police of this mistake. ACK informed the meeting that when a road closure is due to an emergency, the Police are responsible for placing/removing signs. ACK will take the matter up with ARA while PP will relay the CC's concerns to the Police.</p> <p>JT also expressed concern about the dire conditions of the grass verges on the B7027 due to the road closure. <i>PP then left the meeting.</i></p>	<p>ACK PP</p>
	<p>Speaker: Catherine Parish/Neil Feggans: South Ayrshire Council Presentation: Possible Conservation Area for Barrhill</p>	
	<p>DR then introduced SAC's Conservation Officer, Catherine Parish, and welcomed her and Neil Feggans from SAC's Planning Section, who had come to discuss the possibility of Barrhill becoming a Conservation Area. NF preceded the presentation by giving the background to this matter. SAC had been considering the possibility of designating part of Barrhill as a Conservation Area since 2014, under the Local Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas (Scotland) Act 1997. The work, within the South Ayrshire Local Development Plan Proposal, is at an early stage and SAC wish to consult with the Community Council and local groups in the area to get some initial feedback about their views. A report will then go to the Leadership Panel in October/November this year. This would be followed by a public exhibition and then an advert placed in the local newspaper.</p> <p>NF then handed over to Catherine Parish, the Lead Conservation Planner, who gave her presentation.</p> <p>She informed that there are currently 21 conservation areas in South Ayrshire and ran through the various reasons for considering the proposal now, including the fact that the post of Lead Conservation Planner had only recently been filled by her after a 1 year hiatus. CP then listed what is considered in an area when deciding on Conservation status, such as buildings of characteristic architectural design/finishing materials and those of good architectural quality and distinctiveness.</p> <p>Among the benefits of designation are the ability to influence development in a way that preserves character and appearance of the area to benefit future generations and a statement of quality of the local environment. Questions were then invited.</p> <p>JD asked if the status could be imposed on an area – yes, it could. She also informed that a</p>	

	<p>public consultation is not compulsory. Asked about planning fees, CP informed that if a house lies within a Conservation area, certain types of development require planning permission and explained these in more detail CS enquired about refusal of planning permission for replacement windows within a Conservation area and AS requested clarification of the difference between Listed Building and Conservation status. AS then referred to the deteriorating condition of the former Arnshean Kirk, which he noted was outwith the proposed Conservation Area, and enquired if any action could be taken to prevent further degradation of this historic building. CP informed that repairs cannot be forced on a property owner, whomever he/she is, but grants are available from various bodies for such repairs e.g. HES.</p> <p>DR wondered if owners are consulted and was informed that after a public exhibition a letter would be sent to an affected owner. ACK stressed the need to consider very carefully the pros and cons of the scheme and AS queried whether there was scope for energy efficiency within the scheme and was told there is. KMCL viewed maintaining character was an advantage while ASc felt the status being imposed could be an invasion of privacy and lead to extra costs for householders. A member of the public queried how a building's original condition was known—apparently from old records, and AS wondered how the plans for the Hall refurbishment would be affected. ACK informed that a decision to impose Conservation status against the public views could be called in on 3 signatures and then overturned.</p> <p><i>NF and CP were then thanked for their presentation and left the meeting at approx. 7.30pm.</i></p>	
1	Apologies for Absence	
	Andrew Clegg (AC)	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 29th June 2016	
	The minutes of the previous meeting were then approved, proposed by JD, seconded KMCL.	
4	Matters Arising from the Minutes	
	<p>Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>Barrhill Playgroup: Information is still awaited from the Playgroup secretary— AR will again remind her. Ongoing</p> <p>Service Bus: ACK informed it was most unlikely the Barrhill Sunday bus service would be re-instated but that the Stranraer service through Ballantrae had been saved, which was some good news for South Ayrshire. He further informed that the Locality Planning Group was investigating rural transport in the area. Noted</p> <p>Flower Tubs: CS will be sending a letter of thanks to the Primary School for their sterling work in planting out the village containers. The CC also extends its appreciation to Annie Clarke, for the work she and her helpers did in assisting with this task, which enhances the appearance of the village.</p> <p>Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm: Stewart Forsyth had informed he awaits feedback from the Forestry Commission—the proposal re-the transport route is still being considered.</p> <p>Kilgallioch: There is still a problem with windfarm traffic missing the entrance. DR will again request a sign, clearly stating the name 'Kilgallioch,' be placed there, Complaints also received re-dangerous driving on both the A714 and B7027. DR to contact Daniel Ferrier again.</p> <p>Item 5: Treasurer's Report: PL had delivered the accounts to SAC and the auditor had approved the accounts. <i>See Item 5, below.</i></p> <p>Item 8: Road Closures: AR had contacted the contractor re-the lack of the promised transport to and from the station. The issue concerned insurance and unfortunately had not been rectified prior to the work finishing. It is hoped such a situation never arises again.</p> <p>A714: ACK had contacted ARA regarding incorrect closure information. The explanation given was not satisfactory. He was also told white lining of roads is treated with a different procedure.</p> <p>Item 9: Correspondence: Compost: ACK had enquired re-the compost and informed that SAC would supply this.</p> <p><i>(All other items on the agenda)</i></p>	<p>AR</p> <p>CS</p> <p>DR</p>
5	Treasurer's Report Incl: Approval of Accounts	
	AR circulated her report together with the audited accounts returned by SAC. Since the last meeting the £5,000 grant payment had been received from Carrick Futures and also the £1,130 from the War Memorials' Trust Scotland for the War Memorial work. The current total	

	balance lodged in the account is £8,639.80. As stated above, the accounts had been audited and were unanimously approved. The chequebook had been returned and AR informed that she had now paid out the outstanding cheques, one to BMHCA, awarded at the last meeting in June, and one for the War Memorial preparatory work. DR thanked AR for her report.	
6	Updates	
	<p>a) BCIC DR and JT reported the following from the last meeting: Car Park: The lighting is working at long last. Dolphin House: The Primary School trip had taken place. Bursaries: Several of these had been awarded. Fireworks Display: This had now been arranged for November.</p> <p>b) Carrick Futures (CF) AC was absent from this CC meeting due to attending the latest CF meeting, hence his apologies. AS therefore informed that there was nothing to report as yet.</p> <p>c) CCCF CS and AR reported that the 12th July meeting had not been quorate although it was agreed to go ahead to indicate views. The next is planned for 13th September. South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, Locality Planning Group AR and CS were both unable to attend the July and August meetings. ACK informed that the main item at the last meeting concerned the possible closure of Hillcrest, which news had been universally met with alarm. A revue was planned by SAC in June, but was not communicated to the Locality Planning Board, which was most unhappy about matters. Denis Reid, Chair of Friends of Hillcrest, had given a presentation to the Board and the next meeting will commence with a visit to Hillcrest. South Carrick Decides 27 groups had participated in this event held on Saturday 27th August, which had gone well.</p> <p>d) War Memorial: In AC's absence, DR informed that the first part of the work necessary for the grant application had now been completed and quotes are now awaited. Ongoing</p> <p>e) Barrhill Community Action Plan: DR informed that the draft Action Plan had at long last been received, at 5pm that evening. He had forwarded it and requested all to read and comment within the next 2 weeks.</p>	ALL
7	Planning Applications	
	CS reported on the lists since the previous meeting. The June decisions list included consent for the erection of a house and garage at Queensland Holiday Park and the weekly list of 12 th August included the application for 17 houses and 2 flats on land above Gowlands Terrace. This was a re-application of plans first considered in 2010. Noted.	
8	Small Grants Applications	
	Barrhill Badminton Club A grant application for £495, being the cost of hiring the Memorial Hall for a year, was unanimously approved. DR declared an interest in this item and took no part in the decision. The CC will continue to hold the funds for the Badminton Club as it currently does not have a bank account.	
9	Parking at Arnshean Park	
	This item had been requested by JD, who had received a letter from a resident regarding parking down The Avenue and unsocial behaviour. 8 cars were observed parked on the verges adjacent to the Arnshean Park entrance, when the sign clearly requests cars be parked in the car park. On pointing this sign out, the resident reported receiving abuse. A discussion ensued as to the best way to deal with this matter. JD proposed writing a letter to the person from Pinwherry he understood to be the culprit. A vote followed, resulting in a tie of 4/4, with DR exercising his casting vote not to do so. AR suggested placing the matter on Facebook. It was agreed that JD would draft out an item to be placed in the Stinchar Valley Magazine. Memorial Hall Lease At this point JD enquired of ACK if there was any news regarding SAC's termination of its lease on 11th November. ACK informed there had been no progress but SAC had now put aside £1million towards repairs to ensure the transferred assets are in good repair. ACK will enquire as to the present position. It was noted that BMHCA's Development Officer, Becky Boswell had unexpectedly left the district.	JD ACK
10	Correspondence	
	Ayrshire Roads Alliance Winter Service - Community Resilience: DR had received a letter from Kevin Braidwood regarding this, informing that ARA would provide grit bins at agreed locations, along with equipment for handling it. A discussion followed, with a member	

	<p>of the public stating that no gritting is carried out on the New Luce Road beyond the cattle grid above the station. AR confirmed this as she had in previous years fought unsuccessfully for this road to be gritted. ACK will ask if this section can be included in future. CS to reply to ARA, registering the CC's interest in the scheme.</p> <p>HAGS: Playground information leaflet.</p> <p>NHS Ayrshire & Arran: Annual revue now available online. Noted</p> <p>NHS/C.A.N. (Cheap & Nutritious) Toolkit Training: 5th/6th October, Kilmarnock.</p> <p>NHS Smartcare 'Moving Forward' event: 1st September, Glasgow.</p> <p>20mph Zone Barr: The CC is generally in support of 20mph zones.</p> <p>DGSR Project: Information received that this project has been cut back considerably. Noted</p> <p>SCCL: Email received from the Chair, informing of funding required for equipment. PL informed that there is, in effect, a 'shopping list' for necessary equipment for the new centre. CS to clarify the situation with Ken Johnstone, SCCL's Chair.</p> <p>SAC Communities Fun Day: Ayr, Saturday 10th September 2016 from 11.00am until 3.00pm.</p> <p>SAC Blue Book Review Group: Volunteers required for this.</p> <p>SAC Transport: The former Barrhill Community Bus is now available to hire. Noted</p> <p><i>Other items also circulated.</i></p>	<p>ACK CS</p> <p>CS</p>
11	<p>AOB Council Members/Members of the Public Incl. Windfarm Traffic using B7027</p>	
	<p>AWCLG: DR informed that a meeting of the CLG is to be held shortly, the date yet to be confirmed as the suggested 13th September is not suitable for many. The recent BCIC meeting was updated and informed that a decision is expected in November. New data has been provided regarding noise and studies of bats, in addition to information on the private water supplies in the area. CS queried if the new information is sufficient to warrant another public exhibition. A member of the public, who will be greatly affected if the windfarm goes ahead, felt that the information was dubious, with inaccurate line drawings depicted. ACK informed that this should be taken up with Brookfield.</p> <p>Windfarm Traffic using B7027: In AC's absence, DR raised the matter of windfarm traffic, having used the B7027 during the closure of the A714 for repairs, continuing to use the route since the A714 re-opened. In addition, further damage was done following the recent A714 closure (Item 2, Police) at Bargrennan. The grass verges show considerable damage and require repairs, and road surfaces badly need sweeping. ACK will report these matters to ARA.</p> <p>Stinchar Valley Magazine: CS informed that Linda Wild had kindly agreed to represent Barrhill at the editorial meetings. It was agreed that mileage expenses could be paid for this.</p> <p>The Avenue Trees: These appeared to now be safe from felling—SAC investigating placing them under a blanket Tree Preservation Order.</p> <p>Kildonan Gates: CS had received a complaint regarding the padlocking of the southern entrance gate to Kildonan Estate, long viewed as a public 'Right of Way'. ACK will ask SAC's Access Officer to contact CS on this matter.</p> <p>Station Road: A further complaint was received regarding the overgrown state of the pavement to the station. ACK will report this to ARA.</p> <p>Tree in Cross Water Burn: The ash tree reported by email to ARA in July had still not been removed. ACK will chase this up.</p> <p>Diesel Spillage: Report of diesel entering the Cross Water Burn—SEPA had been informed.</p> <p>Kilgallioch Windfarm Benefit: This document had just been received and AS and DR asked all to read and comment.</p> <p>Barrhill Flower Show: JD reminded of this forthcoming event and hoped all would support it.</p> <p>Kilgallioch: JT re-iterated comments re-windfarm traffic, particularly on the B7027.</p> <p>Boundaries Commission: ACK informed of the latest report. There will be changes in South Carrick, but not as drastic as first proposed. SAC is to set up a 'Best Value Working Group'.</p> <p>Petitions Meetings: The planned Utilities Bills and Gala Day funding petitions are going ahead. The first one re-utilities will be heard on 29th September.</p> <p>SCCL: PL reported that building work on the Quay Zone is on schedule.</p> <p>Proposed Chirmorrie Windfarm: A member of the public queried the transport route if this windfarm gets the go-ahead. ACK will pass on concerns to the ARA.</p> <p>Road Closures: A member of the public referred to the occasion when 2 roads into Barrhill were closed simultaneously. He hoped this would not occur again -ACK to pass on to ARA.</p>	<p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ACK</p> <p>ACK</p>

	<p>Defective speed sign: A member of the public pointed out that the speed activated sign at the northern approach to the village is still not working. ACk will once again raise this matter. <i>The meeting closed at 9.10pm.</i></p>	<p>ACK</p>
	<p>Date & Time of next meeting:</p>	
	<p><u>Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 7.30pm</u> Other meetings in 2016 30th November <i>Please note there are no meetings in July, September & December.</i></p>	